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TANCREDO MOVES TO QUASH BACKDOOR ATTEMPT TO RELAX IMMIGRATION RULES

“Sweeping changes to immigration controls should not be made behind the public’s back, especially by a lame duck Congress”

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Colorado Congressman Tom Tancredo (CO-06) today penned a note of caution to House and Senate Appropriators against including extraneous immigration provisions in an omnibus spending bill. By including the changes in an end-of-year omnibus spending bill, substantial revisions to federal immigration law would occur absent any consideration by Congress.

“Reasonable people can disagree about the wisdom of these changes, but what we should all agree on is that such sweeping changes to immigration law should not be made through a deceiving procedural move designed to avoid public scrutiny,” said Tancredo, Chairman of the Immigration Reform Caucus.

The proposed changes would dramatically increase the number of “H1-B” foreign workers allowed to enter the U.S. each year. Aliens who obtain advanced college degrees would not be counted against the current numerical cap on H-1B’s, which currently limits the number of such aliens at 65,000 per year. The changes would also change the way the “prevailing wage” is calculated, allowing employers to pay foreign workers in this category less.

“Why the appropriators would want to end-run Congress just to flood an already competitive job market with cheap imported labor is beyond me,” said Tancredo, “Particularly in the tech sector, where the unemployment rate already exceeds the national unemployment average.”

“We owe it to the American people to debate these proposals thoroughly,” concluded Tancredo, “Anything less would be a disservice.”

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